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From: Miller, Brad [Brad.Miller@hamilton-co.org]
Sent: 4/20/2018 1:51:15 PM
To: Dickens, Brian [dickens.brian@epa.gov]; James.Kavalec@epa.ohio.gov
Subject: RE: Notice of Inspection of AK Steel coke plant, Middletown, Ohio

Brian,

I am fine with USEPA still conducting their inspection of the coke oven on May 7th and 8th since our inspection/site visit do not directly involve the coke oven.

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From: Dickens, Brian [mailto:dickens.brian@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018 9:38 AM
To: Miller, Brad; James.Kavalec@epa.ohio.gov
Subject: RE: Notice of Inspection of AK Steel coke plant, Middletown, Ohio

Jim and Brad:

When our inspections are planned to be close together, e.g. within a month or so, we agreed to discuss whether there is any duplication of effort. If there is overlap, we should adjust.

I assume that additional time observing the ovens is a good thing and we would get that during our visit, but I welcome your feedback. If you would like us to reschedule our visit, let me know.

Brian

From: Miller, Brad [mailto:Brad.Miller@hamilton-co.org]
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018 7:44 AM
To: Dickens, Brian <dickens.brian@epa.gov>; James.Kavalec@epa.ohio.gov
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Brian,

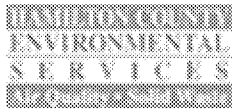
This agency conducted a site visit/complaint follow-up of the coke quench tower at AK Steel yesterday. We are planning to conduct a partial compliance evaluation of the blast furnace within the next 7-14 days. Also, for your planning purposes AK Steel does not currently start pushing the coke ovens until around 11:00 AM.

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From: Dickens, Brian [<mailto:dickens.brian@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 11:48 AM
To: James.Kavalec@epa.ohio.gov; Miller, Brad; Kramer, Mike
Cc: Harrison, Gina; Miller, Patrick
Subject: Notice of Inspection of AK Steel coke plant, Middletown, Ohio

Jim, Brad and Mike:

This is a notification that U.S. EPA Inspectors will be conducting a Clean Air Act inspection at the AK Steel Middletown coke plant, located at 1801 Crawford Street, Middletown, Ohio. The inspection will mainly be concentrated on visible emissions from the coke battery during charging, pushing, and coking. This inspection is utilizing EPA's expertise in coke ovens (recent settlements with Suncoke Haverhill, Suncoke Gateway, and Indiana Harbor) and digital opacity equipment. We are tentatively planning to arrive at approximately 8:30 in the morning on Monday 5/7/18 and expect to complete the inspection by late afternoon Tuesday 5/8/18. Your inspectors are welcome to join.

Please reply or call if you have information I should know, such as whether you have any open CAA enforcement for this facility, you have recently inspected or will soon inspect this facility, and whether the facility is expected to be operating during our visit.

Thanks,

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